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TO MR. GEORGE B. MURDOCH PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CDES (MURDOCH, JOHN B.)

SUBJECT: DEATH CASE: JOHN B. MURDOCH

REF: BANGKOK 18851, STATE 156111

1. I AM REPLYING TO YOUR JULY 9 LETTER INQUIRING ABOUT YOUR SON'S DEATH AND ESTATE. AS WE INFORMED YOU IN OUR JUNE 29 WIRE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION FROM THAI POLICE CONCERNING YOUR SON, JOHN MURDOCH'S, DEATH BY DROWNING AS THE FACTS ARE ALSO UNKNOWN TO THE THAI AUTHORITIES.

2. WE ARE STILL AWAITING THE OFFICIAL AUTOPSY REPORT ON THE ANALYSIS OF HIS BLOOD AND STOMACH CONTENTS. UNFORTUNATELY, IN THAILAND THESE REPORTS OFTEN TAKE TWO OR THREE MONTHS TO REACH US.

3. THE INVENTORY OF YOUR SON'S EFFECTS IS UNDERWAY IN THE CONSULAR SECTION. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN CONTACTED BY DR. DAVID WYATT ABOUT BOOKS OR PAPERS YOUR SON MAY HAVE LEFT IN HIS CHARGE. ON JULY 20, UNDER SEPARATE COVER, WE HAVE MAILED TO YOU AFFIDAVITS OF NEXT-OF-KIN. PLEASE RETURN THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT, WHEN THE INVENTORY HAS BEEN COMPLETED, THE EFFECTS AND THE BALANCE OF FUNDS IN YOUR SON'S ACCOUNTS CAN BE RETURNED TO YOU. PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF YOUR SON AND MY REGRETS FOR THE ANGUISH THE DELAYS WE ARE ENCOUNTERING HERE HAVE CAUSED YOU.

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